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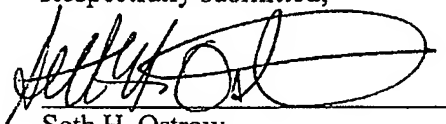
The undersigned would first like to thank Examiner Gort for extending the courtesy of conducting a telephone interview and expediting prosecution of the present Application to Allowance.

As discussed and agreed upon, Applicants hereby amend independent claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 2. Claim 2 is hereby cancelled and dependent claims 3 through 13 remain unchanged. Claims 14 through 39 were previously withdrawn. As further discussed and agreed upon, Applicants hereby also add new claims 40 through 51, with independent claim 40 comprising the elements of dependent claim 6 and incorporating the elements of independent claim 1 prior to the present Amendment. Claims 41 through 51 depend on new claim 40 and are substantially similar to the elements of claims 2 through 5 and 7 through 13 prior to the present Amendment.

For the above reasons, the Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention is in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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